

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 61 through 115 are pending, with Claims 61, 62, 63, 70, 73, 79, 80, 81, 88, 91, 98, 99, 100, 107, and 110 being independent. Claims 79 through 97 were allowed. Claims 98 through 115 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 61, 62, 63, 70, and 73 have been amended.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.202

As previously noted, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims have been copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 6 through 13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,732 (Takada, et al.), as shown by the following Table:

TABLE

<u>Takada, et al. claims</u>	<u>subject application claims</u>
1	61, 79, 97/79, 98
2	62, 80, 97/80, 99
3/1	63, 81, 97/81, 100
3/2	73, 91, 97/91, 110
4/3/1	64, 82, 97/82, 101
4/3/2	74, 92, 97/92, 111
5/4/3/1	
5/4/3/2	
6/5/4/3/1	65, 83, 97/83, 102

<u>Takada, et al. claims</u>	<u>subject application claims</u>
6/5/4/3/2	75, 93, 97/93, 112
7/6/5/4/3/1	66, 84, 97/84, 103
7/6/5/4/3/2	76, 94, 97/94, 113
8/6/5/4/3/1	67, 85, 97/85, 104
8/6/5/4/3/2	77, 95, 97/95, 114
9/8/6/5/4/3/1	68, 86, 97/86, 105
9/8/6/5/4/3/2	78, 96, 97/96, 115
10	69, 87, 97/87, 106
11	70, 88, 97/88, 107
12	71, 89, 97/89, 108
13	72, 90, 97/90, 109

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting on July 2, 2007, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejection of Claims 61 through 78 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, which is respectfully traversed, as well as proposed amendments to the claims. Applicant understands from the interview that the Examiner is in tentative agreement that the proposed amendments would obviate the rejection, and the claims have been so amended. Applicant also respectfully understands from the interview that the Examiner is in tentative agreement that Claims 61 through 97 interfere with Takada, et al.'s claims. Lastly, Applicant understands from the interview that Applicant need not

file any further Request for Interference at this time, but that if the need arises, the Examiner will so notify Applicant.

COMMENT REGARDING DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for interference. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicant earnestly believed that the prior Amendment overcame all outstanding rejections and objections. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

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